

## Associated Black Charities, Inc.

### Organization Description

Associated Black Charities was founded to represent and respond to issues of special significance to Maryland's African American communities, and to foster coordinated leadership issues concerning these communities. For the last eighteen years, Associated Black Charities has been widely recognized as a catalyst for community empowerment that provides funding, technical assistance and training for community-based programs. It is respected also for its role in community planning and service coordination while focusing on individual self-determination.

### Project Description

Associated Black Charities will help build capacity of FBOs and CBOs by providing full-day seminars on various topics every three weeks, on-site technical assistance, and sub-awards. They will also help small organizations attain 501(c)(3) status.

### Geographic Scope of Project

- Year one will focus on the Baltimore metropolitan area plus the Eastern Shore.
- Year two will cover the Baltimore-Washington DC corridor.
- Year three they expect to cover the entire state of Maryland.

### Partnering Organizations

Associated Black Charities is partnering with two agencies to help provide training and technical assistance:

- University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work
- Maryland Department of Human Resources Faith Partnership Council

### Sub-Awards

Through a competitive RFP process, Associated Black Charities will grant up to \$600,000 in sub-awards. They estimate making 35 sub-awards the first year.

### Project Objectives

1. To engage participants in a formal assessment process.
2. To provide increased funding through grants to CBOs and FBOs.
3. To provide expanded training in a range of nonprofit management and organizational development skills.
4. To provide one-on-one mentoring for those organization leaders requiring more intensive support.
5. To increase the capacity of FBOs and CBOs to successfully attain external sources of funding

### Project Strategies

- Develop strategic linkages with organizations that have information resources and serve as a repository of critical information.
- One-to-one, on-site consultation with a minimum of 15 FBO/CBOs a year.
- Place graduate students in a supportive role to assist organizations in day-to-day operations.
- Conduct seminars on a diverse spectrum of organizational needs every 3 weeks.
- Grant tuition vouchers to 10 individuals per year to complete a certificate program in nonprofit management.
- Conduct seminars on best practice models for service delivery.
- Grant three types of sub-awards for organizational development, capacity building, and service expansion.

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- Outcome measurement of sub-awards.

**Grant Award Amount**  
\$1,500,000

